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Sir:

I, Teruhisa Kurokawa, declare as follows:

1. I have read and understood the specification and claims set forth in the above-identified patent application.
2. I am a co-inventor in the above-identified application.
3. I am a co-inventor in Japanese publication number 2000-149886.
4. Kenshin Kitoh and I are co-inventors of the subject matter recited in claims 2, 10, 18 and 19 of the above-identified patent application.

5. Kenshin Kitoh, Hiroshi Nemoto and I are co-inventors of the subject matter recited in claims 3-9 and 12-17 of the above-identified patent application. To the extent that Japanese publication number 2000-149886 contains subject matter that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office believes would render obvious any of claims 3-9 and 12-17 of the above-identified patent application, such subject matter resulted from invention by Kenshin Kitoh, Hiroshi Nemoto and I.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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